

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Chas Hunter, Matt Denison, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Fire Chief Ron Toran, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, Street Dept Director Chuck Simons, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Flood Control Director Ron Granger, Drainage Dept. Director Tom Cannon, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Controller Kay Garry

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Denison called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - Joe Lewis re: request for handicap sign for Douglas Keller, 216 E. 11th Street

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #2 - Culpepper Cooper from Maverick insurance re: property casualty renewal.

Mr. Cooper informed the board that he goes out and looks to see if he can find more competitive pricing for insurance. For the past two years they have been with Travelers/St. Paul. He presented a print out showing that in 2006 the City paid \$539,454 and they have quoted them a price of \$483,228 for 2007 because he informed them that he is going to get quotes from other companies. He explained that he went to four other companies with the renewal quotes to get pricing from them and explained the difference in coverage. He recommended that they go with Alliance through HCC because they quoted him a premium of \$467,358 which is a difference of \$72,096 from last year.

Mr. Hunter asked if this would cover any pending liabilities.

Mr. Cooper stated that if it a pending liability then St. Paul has to take care of it.

Mr. Denison asked if he had talked with Ms. Garry.

Mr. Cooper stated that her main concern was whether there was a payment plan and they if have a semi-annual payment plan.

Mrs. Garry stated that this would work. She also had a question regarding the deductible. She stated that they have been able to keep claims down because they have handled smaller claims in house rather than turning them into the insurance.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the liability and property insurance package as presented by HCC Insurance Company, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #3 - Trevor Snider with Snider Sign's re: new sign for Connor's Place 207 East Main St

Mr. Snider presented the board with a diagram for the new sign for Connor's Place at 207 E. Main Street. He said that the sign will be 8 to 9 feet off the ground.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the placement of a sign at Connor's Place be approved with a clearance of 9', Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #4 - Matt Denison re: Mt. Tabor Road Closure for CSX Railroad.

Mr. Denison stated that he received a memo from CSX informing them that they will be closing the crossing at Mt. Tabor Road for construction. West bound traffic will be directed to Industrial Blvd. The anticipated time frame is two weeks and it will begin June 18, 2007.

Item #5 - Marcey Wisman re: approval of Complus Contract for Ticket collection system.

Ms. Wisman explained the issues that her office has been having with collecting fines for parking tickets and told the board that she and City Attorney Shane Gibson have been looking into a new system to help facilitate this process. She stated that Complus doesn't require any money up front, they will provide all the necessary equipment and training, and they will act as a collection agency. She stated that they will receive 19% of all paid tickets only and she and Mr. Gibson believe that this is the best deal.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the Contract with Complus, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Garry informed the board that State Board of Accounts does approve this system.

Item #6 - Gary Longest re: request to close sidewalk on the Corner of E. Main and 3rd

Mr. Longest stated that they are building the new office for Schad and Palmer Law Office and because of the depth of the dig they would like to take the fencing out to the curb and close the sidewalk while they are completing this project so that they can repair the sidewalk that was tore up during the demo of the prior building.

Mr. Hunter asked Officer Lewis if there is a way to put up barricades up to create a walk way on the street.

Mr. Longest stated that they were not opposed to using the street parking as a walkway.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the sidewalk closure contingent upon the Street Commissioner and Mr. Longest get together and put up concrete barricades for a walk way, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Denison asked if they have it in their specs to repair the sidewalk.

Mr. Longest explained that he has added it into their bid as an alternate plan to replace the curb as well as the sidewalk.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the curb and gutter being replaced during the construction, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #7 - Karen Renn re: Fire Department Interview

Mrs. Renn approached the board regarding concerns she had with situations surrounding her son's interview for the Fire Department. She stated that they had made several

inquiries regarding when her son's interview for the department would be and they did not find out that he had an interview until after it was suppose to take place and they never received a letter informing them of the interview time. She stated that she is asking that they change the process to include certified mail so that it can be noted when a potential interviewee has not received notification.

Mr. Denison stated that he understood her concerns about certified mail and explained the process of notification that comes from the command staff, he stated that the board is more than happy to hear her concerns but the day –to-day workings of the Fire Department go to the command staff of the department and asked that Stan Mason and Ms. Renn get together to discuss this issue and the board will ensure that she gets a copy of the letter that was sent out.

Mrs. Renn stated that she has heard of some other instances where an individual was allowed to reschedule because he was on vacation.

Mr. Denison stated that again that would be something that she needs to address with Deputy Chief Mason but in his opinion someone that calls to reschedule before the fact is a little different than someone who missed an interview entirely. He stated that thy board would take this under advisement until after Mrs. Renn and Deputy Chief Mason meet.

Item #8 - Reed Streigel, Floyd Co. Health Dept. re: mosquito control

Mr. Streigel stated that in the past it has been the city's responsibility to spray for mosquitoes and due to a change in staff there is no longer anyone with the city that is certified to perform these duties and he is now asking that the city live up to their responsibilities for mosquitoes control.

Mr. Hunter explained that this issue was handled by the drainage department and there was a gentleman certified by Purdue to handle mosquito control, but that he is no longer an employee with the city who is certified. He stated that this is an issue that needs to be taken to the stormwater board.

Mr. Taylor stated that it is his understanding that the board does not plan to pay for an individual to be certified.

Mr. Streigel stated that they can hire someone on contract to do the work.

Mrs. Garry asked if Flood Control could not help with this issue.

Mr. Hunter stated that he would work with Flood Control to get the matter resolved.

Item #9 - Marcey Wisman re: Street signs on W. 7th through W 9th for School Zone and Children at play.

Ms. Wisman stated that she has gotten several complaints about this area where the kids play and walk to and from school and the traffic is heavy and they want some kinds of school zone or children at play sign.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the signs, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Item #10 - Marcey Wisman re: 4-H Banner Request from June 18-July 9th

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Corporal Bailey, on behalf of State Street neighborhood watch who want to have a street carnival on June 15 between Sloemer between State and Vine from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Mrs. Garry asked about the light at State and Green Valley Road.

Mr. Simons stated that it is being fixed at this time. He also brought up issues of individuals destroying city property and wanted to know if they could bill the insurance company.

Mrs. Gary told him to send the invoice to the insurance company and they should take care of it.

Ms. Wisman stated that she wanted to make sure that the issues with the lights downtown were still being addressed and if she can be kept informed of any decisions so that she can report back to DNA

Mr. Denison stated that he and Mr. Hunter have met about this issue and they are working on it.

Ms. Wisman stated that the grass needs to be mowed by the Hitching Post parking lot.

Mr. Simons said it was supposed to have been done on Friday and he would check into it.

Mr. Taylor informed the board that there was a road collapse in the 500 block of Elm Street and explained the circumstances around the collapse.

Mr. Simons informed the board that the week before he had informed Mr. Dixon that there was a bigger problem than the hole that the street department fixed and asked him to put the camera in the hole but was told it was broken. He was also told that the entire void was caused by a contractor that had come in to do work on the sewer lines some time ago and he thinks the city needs to make sure someone is supervising these contractors who are doing work on the lines.

Mr. Taylor stated that he averaging 6 hours a day on Elm Street supervising the contractors and the work that they are doing in an attempt to ensure the level of work that is being done.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

BIDS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the May 29, 2007 minutes as amended, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Denison
Board of Public Works & Safety

Marcey Wisman, City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana